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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/892,490	PARKHILL ET AL.
	Examiner Ponnoreay Pich	Art Unit 2135

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ponnoreay Pich. (3) _____.

(2) David Walters. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 13 December 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 2.

Identification of prior art discussed: n/a.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Walters proposed clarifying the eroding feature as recited in claim 2 so as to exclude the interpretation applied by the examiner in the last office action so that it more closely reflected what was meant by eroding of time in the specification. This feature would then be incorporated into the independent claims. The examiner stated that the manner of eroding as disclosed in the specification was not disclosed by the art of record, so limiting erosion of time to just the manner disclosed in the specification would overcome the art of record. However, an updated search would still have to be performed. The examiner also stated that some recent court cases have come out with regards to 101 and alerted Mr. Walters to the fact that further analysis of the claims would include analysis with respect to 101 in light of these new cases.